

Amendments to the Claims

This listing will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

Claims 1 to 30 (Cancelled)

31. (Presently amended) A viscoelastic fluid comprising:

- (1) an aqueous medium;
- (2) a zwitterionic surfactant; and

(3) a member selected from the group consisting of organic acids, organic acid salts, inorganic salts, and combinations of one or more organic acids or organic acid salts with one or more inorganic salts;

(4) an anionic surfactant, wherein the ratio of zwitterionic surfactant to anionic surfactant is $3 \frac{1}{3}$ to 1 or greater;

wherein the fluid exhibits the property of viscoelasticity,
wherein the zwitterionic surfactant is oleoamidopropyl betaine.

Claims 32 to 62 (Cancelled)

63. (Presently amended) A viscoelastic fluid comprising.

- (1) an aqueous medium;
- (2) a zwitterionic surfactant; and

(3) a member selected from the group consisting of organic

acids, organic acid salts, inorganic salts, and combinations of one or more organic acids or organic acid salts with one or more inorganic salts; and

(4) an anionic surfactant, wherein the anionic surfactant is present at 1.2% or less by weight of the fluid;

wherein the fluid exhibits the property of viscoelasticity, and wherein the zwitterionic surfactant is oleoamidopropyl betaine.

Claims 64 to 89 (Cancelled)

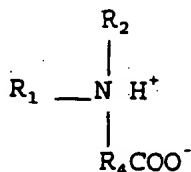
90. (Presently amended) A viscoelastic fluid comprising:

(1) an aqueous medium;

(2) an amphoteric surfactant; and

(3) a member selected from the group consisting of organic acids, organic acid salts, inorganic salts, and combination of one or more organic acids or organic acid salts with one or more inorganic salts;

wherein the fluid exhibits the property of viscoelasticity, and wherein the amphoteric surfactant is represented by formula (VI):



wherein R₁ represents alkyl, alkenyl, alkylarylalkylene,

alkenylarylalkylene, alkylaminoalkylene, alkenylaminoalkylene, alkylamidoalkylene, or alkenylamidoalkylene, wherein each of the alkyl groups have from about 14 to about 24 carbon atoms and may be branched or straight chained and saturated or unsaturated, and wherein the alkylene groups have from about 1 to about 6 carbon atoms,

R₂ is selected from the group of alkyl, alkenyl, arylalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, carboxyalkyl, and hydroxyalkyl polyoxyalkylene, each having from about 1 to about 10 carbon atoms, and

R₄ is a hydrocarbyl radical with chain length of about 1 to about 4.

Claims 91 to 99 (Cancelled)